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Mr. Shawn Musgrave
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Reference: F-2012-02073

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

On 4 September 2012, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 4 September 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, submitted on behalf of MuckRock News, for records on **Neville Edward Alexander**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Although you have provided some of the identifying information required before we can effectively search our files on an individual, we still need additional data before we can begin processing your request. Specifically, we require the individual's *place of birth, place of death, and citizenship status*. Without this information, we may be unable to distinguish between individuals with the same or similar names. You also indicated the individual is deceased; in that case, we require some *evidence of death*, such as a death certificate, an obituary, or a press statement to ensure there are no privacy considerations.

For your information, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "representative of the news media" fee category, which means you may have to pay for the cost of reproducing released records, which would be assessed at a rate of ten cents per page after the first 100 pages, which you receive free.

I must consider your request for a fee waiver under the standards the Agency FOIA regulations outline, which you find at Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). I have reviewed your request under those standards and determined that your petition does not meet them because disclosing the information you seek is not likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the United States Government. I therefore deny your request for a fee waiver.

You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for a fee waiver, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal. Agency regulations also specify that if the Agency has started to process a request, the Agency may only accept an appeal of a fee waiver denial if the requester agrees to be responsible for the costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter, pending receipt of the individual's **place of birth, date place of death, citizenship status, and evidence of death and your commitment to pay all fees** as mentioned above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator